Commission (UGC), the Commission has not received any specific complaint in this regard. However, some Universities, randomly check genuineness of certificate from the issuing authority to prevent admission on fake certificate.

Criteria for higher education

581. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that merit will no longer be the criteria for higher, specialised and technical education in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the possibilities of frustration of meritorious aspirants and impact of brain drain from the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir, *inter-se* merit within each category of equals will continue to be the criteria in higher and technical education.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Raising retirement age of teachers

582. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the retirement age of teachers in universities and other professional colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether similar action would taken in the case of other teachers of primary and senior secondary schools, also and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and